are suspended in Rangiya-Murkongselek and in Fakiragram-Dhubri Sections due to inadequate security cover. Goods trains are being run under RPF escorts.

(c) Regular coordination meeting with the law-enforcing agencies of State Government are being held by the Railways and on their advice Railways run or cancel trains in the affected areas.

Precise quantification for loss is not possible. So far as loss due to passenger services is concerned, it is approximately Rs. 3 crores.

Setting up of a Central University in Assam

1889. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Assam has recently raised some important points in a letter written to the Prime Minister in connection with the setting up of a Central University in Assam ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reaction of the Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) The Chief Minister Assam has written to the Prime Minister recently regarding location of the Central University in Assam. After considering all aspects of the matter, the Government introduced a Bill in the Rajya Sabha on 5.5.89 for establishment of a Central University in the Cachar District of Assam with head quarters at Silchar.

Desilting of Chilka lake in Orissa by Dredging Corporation of India

1890. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dredging Corporation of India has been assigned the task for desilting Chilka Lake in Orissa, the Asia's largest brackish Water legoon;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the project; and

(c) what are the details of the specific steps taken by the Dredging Corportion of India in desilting that lake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) A letter of intent was issued to Dredging Corporation of India on 13th September, 1988 for dredging the lake but was subsequently cancelled by the State Government on 11-4-1989.

Route under electrification

1891. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken steps to bring more and more routes under electrification;

(b) if so, what is the target set for the Seventh Plan in different zones year-wise ;

(c) what are the achievements made as on 31st March, 1989; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Targets are set zone-wise but in terms of route kilometers to be energised during each year. The targets and details of achievements year-wise during the VIIth Plan are as under :-

Year	Target for electrification in RKMs	Achievement in RKMs
1985-86	430	461
1986-87	560	573
1987-88	670	681
1988-89	680	743
1989-90	750	..

Development of vessels by CIWTC Ltd.

1892. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has entrusted the task to develop coastal-cum-riverine in the vessels for their movement of cargo in the major rivers in the country to Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd., (CIWTCL);

(b) whether CIWTCL had to take up the work and to prepare a feasibility study in the actual matter in collaboration with Netherlands;

(c) if so, the steps taken by CIWTCL in regard so far ; and

(d) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) The Inland Water ways Authority of India have proposed a project to be undertaken with Dutch assistance for design and construction of prototype coastal-cum-inland vessels for operation in India. The project is to develop a design for construction of one prototype coastal-cum-inland vessel for operation in a most suitable operational zone on an experimental basis.

Review of National Literacy Programme

1893. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any review of the implementation of National Literacy Programmes ;

(b) if so, the success achieved in that regard during the Seventh Plan;

(c) to what extent success has been achieved in the implementation of Operation Blackboards Programmes ; and

(d) what are the details thereof ?